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- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability: citations and explanations supporting such statement
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If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Box No. I

Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - ☒ the international application in the language in which it was filed
 - ☐ the translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (Rule 12.3(a) and 23.1(b)).
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	3-5	YES
	Claims	1, 2	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	3-5	YES
	Claims	1, 2	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-5	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Document 1: JP 3500000 B2 (Sanyo Electric Co., Ltd.),
23 February 2004, Paragraphs 0003, 0012, and 0017-0021; Fig. 4
& JP 9-261883 A

Document 2: JP 2002-315202 A (NEC Tokin Corp.),
25 October 2002, Paragraphs 0002-0004; Fig. 1 (Family: none)

Document 3: JP 2004-7942 A (Dialog Semiconductor GmbH),
08 January 2004, Paragraphs 0002-0005; Fig. 1 & US 2003-99075 A1 & EP 1317042 A2 &
DE 10158494 C

The inventions of claims 1-2 do not appear to possess novelty based on document 1 cited in the ISR. Document 1 (paragraph 0018) describes detection that one of the battery voltages V1 to V3 exceeds the set voltage Va.

The inventions of claims 1-2 do not appear to involve an inventive step based on documents 1 and 2 cited in the ISR. Document 2 (paragraph 0004) describes dividing the cells connected in series into a plurality of groups and monitoring the cell voltage of each group, and use of the technique described in document 2 for document 1 would be easy for a person skilled in the art.

The inventions of claims 3-5 are not described in any of the documents cited in the ISR and are not obvious to a person skilled in the art.

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1. この見解書は次の内容を含む。

☒ 第I欄 見解の基礎

☐ 第II欄 優先権

☐ 第III欄 新規性、進歩性又は産業上の利用可能性についての見解の不作成

☐ 第IV欄 発明の単一性の欠如

☒ 第V欄 PCT規則43の2.1(a)に規定する新規性、進歩性又は産業上の利用可能性についての見解、それを裏付けるための文献及び説明

☐ 第VI欄 ある種の引用文献

☐ 第VII欄 国際出願の不審

☐ 第VIII欄 国際出願に対する意見

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☐ 配列表に関連するテーブル
- b. フォーマット ☐ 紙形式
☐ 電子形式
- c. 提出時期 ☐ 出願時の国際出願に含まれていたもの
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それを裏付ける文献及び説明

1. 見解

新規性 (N)	請求の範囲	3-5	有
	請求の範囲	1, 2	無
進歩性 (IS)	請求の範囲	3-5	有
	請求の範囲	1, 2	無
産業上の利用可能性 (IA)	請求の範囲	1-5	有
	請求の範囲		無

2. 文献及び説明

文献 1 : JP 3500000 B2 (三洋電機株式会社) 2004.02.23, 段落
[0003], [0012], [0017]-[0021]、第4図 & JP 9-261883 A

文献 2 : JP 2002-315202 A (エヌイーシートーキン栃木株式会社) 2002.10.25, 段落
[0002]-[0004]、第1図 (ファミリーなし)

文献 3 : JP 2004-7942 A (ディアローク・セミコンダクター・ゲーエムベーハー)
2004.01.08, 段落[0002]-[0005]、第1図 & US 2003-99075 A1 & EP 1317042 A2 & DE
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